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The Honorable Lionel H. Olmer  
The Under Secretary for International Trade  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Lionel:

Thank you for your recent request for our views of West European reservations about the developing trade relationship between the United States and China. In brief, we believe strategic concerns contribute only marginally to West European apprehension over our policy and related US initiatives in COCOM. I have attached a memorandum which assesses in more detail our allies' attitudes on this subject. [redacted]

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Please let me know if we can provide you any further analysis on this topic. [redacted]

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Yours,

**/s/ William J. Casey**

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

Enclosed:

COCOM Reactions to the New US Policy Toward China [redacted]

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